

# Odds makers predict Big Eight wins

If the oddsmakers know their business, this should be a week of slaughters in the Big Eight Conference.

The Latest Line, which approximates Las Vegas betting odds, lists the league's top four teams as prohibitive favorites in Saturday's games.

## Big Eight Review

Nebraska is favored by 29½ points over Colorado. Oklahoma is expected to trounce Iowa State by 27 points. Oklahoma State will beat Kansas by 2, the oddsmakers say, and Missouri is favored by 12 over Kansas State.

Although the underdogs will face long odds, they're not ready to give up before the games start.

Colorado coach Bill McCartney said his team will be "playing to

win" against the Cornhuskers. McCartney is trying to fire up his Buffaloes, who will wear black jerseys Saturday instead of the usual sky blue shirts.

The jerseys will be worn only against Nebraska, a team McCartney has claimed as Colorado's biggest rival.

At Iowa State, coach Jim Criner said his team will be fighting for respect against the second-ranked Sooners. The game will be televised nationally on ESPN.

"It's a chance for us to play on national television and an opportunity to earn some respectability," Criner said.

The Cyclones lost to previously winless Colorado Saturday, 23-21 at Boulder. The Cyclones lost Tommy Davis near the end of the first half, and Criner said it hurt the rushing game. Davis had carried seven times for 60 yards before suffering stretched ligaments in his knee. Davis' injury

means that all four of ISU's top two fullbacks and top two I-backs may sit out the Oklahoma game.

The Sooners, who are coming off a heartbreaking 15-15 tie with Texas, will have to forget that game, coach Barry Switzer said.

"The conference is the most important thing now and playing on the road has never been easy," he said.

Iowa State's outstanding receiver, Tracy Henderson, edged closer to Johnny Rodgers' Big Eight reception yardage record last week. Henderson caught three passes for 51 yards, his worst day statistically this year. Henderson trails Rodgers by 504 yards with five games to go.

The Kansas State Wildcats, coming off a 24-7 win over Kansas, will try to upset Missouri Saturday at Manhattan, Kan.

The Wildcats used their new wishbone offense to rush for 235

yards against KU. But the offense may be hurt this week by the absence of quarterback Stan Weber. Weber has a collapsed lung, but he's expected to return to action in a week or two.

Missouri will attempt to get its offense rolling again after a 250-yard day against Nebraska. The Tigers had averaged 499.4 yards before the Nebraska game.

Missouri coach Warren Powers said he was impressed by Kansas State's win over Kansas.

"Coming off tough, back-to-back games with Oklahoma and South Carolina, Kansas State played an extremely fine game against an arch-rival," Powers said. "That says a lot for their football game."

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WOWT newsmen Dave Webber takes a late swing in the celebrity softball game Wednesday against the Husker women. Webber's team won 1-0 on a home run by Women's Sports Information Director (Big) Terry Beck.

## Rain delays softball games

Because of bad weather, the softball playoffs are still a long way from over. But applications for co-rec basketball and other wintertime sports already are due in the Campus Recreation Office.

The softball finals were scheduled for last Sunday, but rains and cold temperatures have held up action for more than a week. Intramural coordinator Kenda Scheele said the schedule has been readjusted to begin next Monday.

"We're still going to try to get them all in," Scheele said. "But the forecast calls for more rain this week and there are massive puddles on the field. We've brought in sand to try to get rid of the larger ones, but there was no way we could play this week."

Scheele said less than 10 playoff games had been completed when the first rains came down. At this point, there are no plans to cancel the playoffs, she said.

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